

2005 (42 U.S.C. 16293), up to \$100,000,000 may be available for a competitive solicitation for pilot and commercial scale projects that advance innovative and novel concepts for carbon dioxide capture and beneficial carbon dioxide reuse.

On page 77, line 14, before the period, insert the following: “*Provided further*, That any fee imposed on an applicant in excess of the actual administrative costs to the Department of Energy in processing a loan guarantee application shall be refundable to the applicant if there is no financial close on that application”.

On page 85, line 25, insert “and demand responsive equipment and” after “grid”.

On page 89, after line 24, add the following:

(d) **EFFECTIVE USE OF FUNDS.**—In providing funds made available by this Act and the amendments made by this Act for the weatherization assistance program, the Secretary of Energy may encourage States to give priority to using the funds for the most cost-effective efficiency activities, which may include insulation of attics, if the Secretary determines that the use of the funds would increase the effectiveness of the program.

On page 90, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 4. FEDERAL PURCHASES OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY RENEWABLE ENERGY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 203 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **CONTRACT PERIOD.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, a contract entered into by a Federal agency to acquire renewable energy may be made for a period of not more than 30 years.

“(2) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to Federal agencies to enter into contracts under this subsection.

“(3) **STANDARDIZED RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASE AGREEMENT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary, acting through the Federal Energy Management Program, shall publish a standardized renewable energy purchase agreement setting forth commercial terms and conditions that can be used by Federal agencies to acquire renewable energy.”.

(b) **FUNDING.**—The amount otherwise made available for “Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy” by the matter under the heading “ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY” under the heading “ENERGY PROGRAMS” under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY” of this title shall be reduced by the amount necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a).

SA 568. Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 98 proposed by Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.

(a) **DEFINITION OF PROJECT.**—In this section, the term “project” means the Mis-

issippi River and Tributaries Project authorized by the Act of May 15, 1928 (45 Stat. 534; 100 Stat. 4183).

(b) **RESTRICTION.**—No amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the matter under the heading entitled “DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL” may be used to deconstruct any work (including any partially completed work) completed under the project during fiscal year 2009 or 2010.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hold a business meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the Business Meeting is to consider pending business before the committee.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Amanda Kelly at (202) 224-6836.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the current state of the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the delivery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Mike Carr at (202) 224-8164 or Rachel Pasternack at (202) 224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10 a.m.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Bruce

Fergusson be allowed the privilege of the floor during consideration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Gemma Weiblinger, be granted floor privileges for the duration of debate on the stimulus legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Miki Hanada of my staff be afforded floor privileges for the purposes of the consideration of this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appoints the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: the Honorable THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi.

ORDERS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 12 noon, Saturday, February 7; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the H.R. 1, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next vote will be on Monday at about 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NOON TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:39 a.m., adjourned until Saturday, February 7, 2009, at 12 noon.